



AMERICAN SHETLAND PONY CLUB, INC.

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AMATEUR STATUS APPLICATION

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP and amateur cards are required to participate in rated ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Amateur Classes.

They will be issued for the year 2027 in compliance with the current ASPC Rulebook, which details amateur requirements and sets forth the controlling rules in detail.

A. ACTIVITIES MAKING THE EXHIBITOR A PROFESSIONAL

Regardless of one's equestrian skills and/or accomplishments, a person is an amateur for all shows conducted under ASPC/AMHR/ASPR rules who after his/her 18th birthday has not engaged in any of the following activities making the exhibitor a professional.

1. Accepts remuneration for riding, driving, showing in halter/in hand, training, schooling or conducting clinics or seminars.
2. Accepts remuneration for giving instructions in equitation or horse training. (Persons acting as counselors at summer camps, who are not hired in the exclusive capacity of riding instructors, are excluded as are persons giving instruction and training to persons with disabilities).
3. Accepts remuneration for employment in other capacity (e.g., secretary, bookkeeper, veterinarian, groom, farrier) and gives instruction, rides, drives, shows in halter/in hand, trains or schools horses, other than horses actually owned or leased by him/her, when his/her employer or a member of the family of said employer or a corporation which a member of his/her family controls, owns, boards or trains said horses.
4. Accepts remuneration for the use of his or her name, photograph or other form of personal association as a horseman in connection with any advertisement or article to be sold.
5. Accepts prize money in equitation or showmanship classes.
6. Rides, drives or shows in halter/in hand, in competitions, any horse for which he/she or a member of his/her family or a corporation which a member of his/her family controls, receives remuneration for boarding, training, riding, driving or showing in halter/in hand.
7. Gives instruction to any person or rides, drives or shows in halter/in hand in competitions any horse, for which activity another person in his/her family or corporation which a member of his/her family controls will receive remuneration for the activity.
8. A husband, wife or cohabitant of a professional may hold an amateur card only if that person does not engage in any professional activities whatsoever (including as an assistant) as defined in the Rulebook.

B. THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES DO NOT AFFECT AMATEUR STATUS

1. The writing of books or articles pertaining to horses.
2. Accepting remuneration for officiating as a steward, technical delegate, course designer, announcer or participating as a TV commentator, or accepting bona fide remuneration for services as a veterinarian, groom, farrier, tack shop operator or breeder, or for accepting bona fide remuneration for boarding services.
3. Accepting reimbursement for expenses without profit.
4. Accepting a token of appreciation, other than money, for riding, driving or showing in halter/in hand. (Note: Horse board, prize money, partial support or objects of more than \$1,000 are considered remuneration, not small tokens of appreciation). Also note: accepting any amount of money, whether more or less than \$1,000 is considered remuneration.
5. Having the occupation of veterinarian, groom, farrier or owning a tack shop or breeding or boarding stable in itself does not affect the amateur status of a person who is otherwise qualified.

C. OWNERSHIP / LEASE REQUIREMENTS

A horse shown by an amateur in AMHR classes must be owned or leased by the amateur. Leases must be duly recorded per the Rulebook (postmarked on or before Jan. 1). An owner is defined as a person holding title or members of the family as set forth in the Rulebook definition of "family."

D. Amateur Incentive/Jackpot Classes:

The person showing must own or lease the animal exhibited. Leases must be duly recorded per the Rulebook (postmarked on or before Jan. 1). See Incentive/Jackpot rules regarding ownership and Rule Book definitions of ownership (including family ownership).

Please complete this application and return to ASPC/AMHR office along with the \$25.00 fee.

NAME	MEMBER #		
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP

I certify that I am in compliance with the rules defining amateur status as set forth in the current Rule Book, including at Section III, Part 3, and I hereby confirm my amateur status.

Signature of Applicant

Date

\$30.00 FEE IF APPLICATION SUBMITTED AT AN ASPC/AMHR/ASPR SHOW.

NOTE: Individuals must show proof of amateur status at all shows. Individuals without cards or copy thereof in-hand may apply with show officials prior to entering amateur classes.

\$30.00 FEE (US FUNDS) IF APPLICATION OCCURS AT ASPC/AMHR/ASPR SHOW.

If an amateur card is lost or forgotten, a new application and fee are required.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO: American Shetland Pony Club, 81B East Queenwood Road, Morton, IL 61550

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